



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 13, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of Contract To Install Equipment In New Closed Circuit Pipeline Inspection Van

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bidding process, as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.080(k), and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a purchase order with 3T Equipment, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$37,258, to purchase and install upgraded equipment in the City's new Closed Circuit Pipeline Inspection (CCTV) van.

### DISCUSSION:

The City's CCTV van is used to inspect sewer mains and is an integral part of the City's Sewer Rehabilitation program. In 1994, through the competitive bid process, the City purchased a new CCTV van and components from 3T Equipment, Inc. (3T), and their subsidiary RS Technical Services (RS). RS was the developer of the computerized management system software for the City's CCTV van and was also the original manufacturer of the required electronic components.

In 2005, the City issued another purchase order to 3T and RS for the installation of a specialized Professional Data Acquisition System and related components in the CCTV van. This upgrade was required to replace the original outdated computerized system that had been installed by 3T and RS in 1994. The new system upgrade has allowed staff to record in digital format, which has significantly increased efficiency and has allowed staff to electronically input pipeline inspection data.

Recently, through their regular vehicle replacement program, the City's Fleet Services staff purchased a new fuel efficient and environmentally friendly diesel powered utility van to replace the existing fourteen year old CCTV van. Approval of this purchase order will allow RS to remove the equipment from the old van in order for it to be upgraded and installed into the new van, along with a new AC unit, generator, traffic control lights, electronic hardware and other incidentals previously identified in the vendor's proposal that was reviewed and accepted by the City.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The approval of this purchase order will not have any significant budgetary impacts as the Wastewater Fund already supports maintenance and capital replacement, including vehicle refurbishment and replacement. The new CCTV van was scheduled for purchase by the Motor Pool section for the current fiscal year. Adequate funds are available in the Wastewater Capital Program for the upgrade, refurbishment, and installation of the existing CCTV components into the new van.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

The proactive CCTV inspection of the collection system allows City staff to prioritize CIP locations and prioritize them for preventive maintenance. This will help minimize the number of lateral malfunctions that could present opportunities for the contamination of local creeks and the ocean.

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